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SUMMARY: FIRST REPORTS ON LOPEZ PORTILLO TALKS WITH
BREZHNEV AND CO. INDICATE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON DISARMAMENT
ISSUES. BOTH SIDES LEAVE IMPRESSION THEY ARE TRYING
HARD TO GET VISIT OFF TO SUCCESSFUL START, BUT
DETERMINATION OF FINAL SUCCESS MUST WAIT MORE SUBSTANTIVE
INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

1. MAY 18 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS REPORTS ON AIR-
PORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES FOR LOPEZ PORTILLO, ON FIRST
ROUND OF TALKS, AND ON EXCHANGE OF DINNER SPEECHES BY
BREZHNEV AND MEXICAN PRESIDENT. MAY 17 SOVIET TV
SHOWED LENGTHY CLIPS FROM IMPRESSIVE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES
AND SHORTER FILM FROM FIRST WORKING SESSION IN KREMLIN.
OVERALL MEDIA COVERAGE CLEARLY SHOWS THAT SOVIETS
ARE GOING ALL OUT IN PROTOCOLARY ASPECTS OF VISIT IN
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HONOR OF THEIR GUEST.

2. CENTRAL PRESS MATERIAL IS LONG ON WORDS BUT SHORT
ON SUBSTANCE. TALKS, SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN
"FRIENDLY" ATMOSPHERE, ALLOWED "BROAD EXCHANGE OF
OPINIONS" ON QUESTIONS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. BREZHNEV
PRAISED MEXICAN EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN SOVEREIGNTY AND

ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND TO MANAGE ITS OWN NATIONAL RESOURCES. THE TWO SIDES NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTENDING DETENTE TO ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, AND EMPHASIZED EFFORTS TO END THE ARMS RACE. BREZHNEV SPOKE OF CONCRETE SOVIET SUGGESTIONS DESIGNED TO BLOCK ALL CHANNELS OF THE ARMS RACE - NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL. LOPEZ PORTILLO FAVORABLY MENTIONED SOVIET DECISION TO SIGN L.A. NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGREEMENT.

3. LENGTHY SPEECHES WERE RATHER GENERAL WITH EXCEPTION OF LOPEZ PORTILLO'S EXTENDED REMARKS ON MEANING AND

SIGNIFICANCE OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. SINCE DEPT. WILL HAVE TEXT OF SPEECHES, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO NOTE ONLY THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) BREZHNEV:

-- PLACED HEAVY AND SOMEWHAT OBVIOUS EMPHASIS ON MEXICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST (I.E., ANTI-U.S.) LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS. LATTER WAS LINKED TO STRUGGLE OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO RESTRUCTURE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON A DEMOCRATIC, JUST BASIS. (COMMENT: THIS IS SOVIET JARGON FOR THEIR INTERPRETATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO). END COMMENT.)
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-- IMPLICITLY CRITICIZED CURRENT LOW LEVEL OF SOVIET-MEXICAN TRADE, BUT CONCLUDED THAT FAVORABLE PROSPECTS EXISTED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

-- STRONGLY EMPHASIZED DETENTE AND NEED TO CONTROL ARMS RACE. ON FORMER, HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE FORCES - "INFLUENTIAL FORCES WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN" - WHICH, IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INTERESTS IN THE ARMS RACE, HAVE LONG BEEN FOR INCREASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

-- SAID IT WAS TIME TO FINALLY GET DOWN TO REAL STEPS TO CURB ARMS RACE. IN THAT CONNECTION HE PROVIDED CHECK LIST OF RECENT SOVIET "CONCRETE PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL STEPS" (I.E., APRIL 25 KOMSOMOL SPEECH) AIMED AT CESSATION OF FURTHER QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE GROWTH IN ARMAMENTS (REF A, PARA 4).

-- NOTED SOVIET CALCULATION THAT AT UNSSOD ALL STATES, INCLUDING MEXICO, WILL MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF DISARMAMENT.

-- REMINDED HIS GUEST OF "IMPORTANT, CONSTRUCTIVE STEP"

REPRESENTED BY SOVIET DECISION TO SIGN PROTOCOL II OF
TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. IN AGREEING TO RESPECT STATUS
OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN LA, SAID BREZHNEV, WE ASSUME
THAT "OTHER NUCLEAR STATES WILL STRICTLY OBSERVE THIS
STATUS, THAT PARTICIPANTS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL INSURE
IN THE ZONE ITS OPERATION AS A GENUINE NON-NUCLEAR
REGIME." (COMMENT: BREZHNEV'S ATTEMPT TO EMPHASIZE
MOSCOW'S INTERPRETATION OF TRANSIT AND
OTHER PROVISIONS OF TREATY PARALLEL THOSE RECENTLY
PROVIDED TO U.S. IN MORE DETAIL BY CHIEF OF MFA INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT., ISRAELYAN. REF B, PARA
2. END COMMENT.)

4. (B) LOPEZ PORTILLO:
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-- ANNOUNCED THAT HIS INTENTIONS WERE TO STRENGTHEN THE
EXISTING TIES BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE SOVIET UNION AND

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TO ENABLE THE GROWTH OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
GOAL OF "REMOVING OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF DETERMINING
THE SPHERE OF COOPERATION."
-- NOTED THAT WHILE MEXICO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ARMS

RACE, IT HAD ITSELF EXPERIENCED THE CONSEQUENCES OF INSTABILITY AND CRISES BROUGHT FORTH BY UNLIMITED MILITARY EXPENDITURES.

-- SPOKE FAVORABLY OF RECENT (SALT) DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WHICH OPENED "NEW POSSIBILITIES" FOR ARMS LIMITATION. ALSO CAME OUT FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES IN ACHIEVEMENT OF COMPLETE BANNING OF MEANS OF DESTRUCTION.

-- WARMLY APPLAUDED SOVIET DECISION TO SIGN PROTOCOL II OF TREATY OF TLAHELCO AND SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH ON HISTORY, MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF TREATY. AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, HE SAID, ON JOINT APPEAL (1) TO STATES UNDER WHOSE JURISDICTION FELL TERRITORY INCLUDED IN ZONE TO RESPECT ITS STATUS, AND, (2) TO ALL NUCLEAR STATES TO TAKE ON OBLIGATION NOT TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE ZONE, NOT TO UTILIZE THE ZONE AND NOT TO THREATEN TO UTILIZE THE ZONE WITH REGARD TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES.

-- NOTED MEXICAN BELIEF THAT TREATY ENTAILED ALSO A CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION ON LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL TYPES OF ARMAMENTS IN THE REGION.

-- TOUCHED ON UNSSOD.

-- DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH MEXICAN INTEREST IN NIEO. NEED, HE SAID, WAS TO TRANSFORM UN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS - SUPPORTED BY SOVIET UNION - INTO REALITY. HUGE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL OF SOVIET UNION, DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IS OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE, HE ADDED.

-- CONTINUED ABOVE THEME, SAYING THAT SECOND IMPORTANT TASK WHICH TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT SETTLE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS THAT OF COMPLETING PROCESS OF DECOLONIALIZATION INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, DEFENSE OF FULL SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO MANAGE ITS OWN RESOURCES.

-- "OPENLY" RECOGNIZED ABSENCE OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGE - "DESPITE EXISTING POSSIBILITIES" - AND DECLARED DETERMINATION TO END INERTIA AND GIVE ECONOMIC ASPECT OF RELATIONS DESIRED DYNAMICS AND BREADTH.

-- CONCLUDED THAT IMPORTANT GOAL OF PRESENT MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE EVALUATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, AND INCREASE COORDINATION OF ACTION IN ACHIEVEMENT OF SHARED GOALS. THE DIALOGUE, SAID LOPEZ PORTILLO, PROVIDES A

POSSIBILITY OF STRENGTHENING THAT WHICH WE HAVE IN
COMMON BETWEEN US.
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5. COMMENT: MUCH OF ABOVE IS SELF EXPLANATORY. BOTH

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SIDES SEEM DETERMINED TO PUT BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON
THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF POLICIES OF OTHER SIDE. WE
DOUBT THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL CATCH ANY MORE SOVIET
FLIES WITH HIS NIEO SUGAR THAN DID VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT
PEREZ LAST YEAR WITH HIS VINEGAR. PERHAPS THE MEXICAN
PRESIDENT WILL BE MORE FORCEFUL ON THIS SUBJECT IN
PRIVATE TALKS.

6. THE EMPHASIS WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE PLACED ON
DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS IN GENERAL AND ON SOVIET
ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO IN PARTICULAR
IS NO SURPRISE AND MAY BE A BUILDUP TO A CEREMONIAL
BREZHNEV SIGNING OF PROTOCOL II DURING LOPEZ'S VISIT,
A LA PRESIDENT CARTER'S SIGNING IN WASHINGTON LAST YEAR.
IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE LOPEZ PORTILLO'S REPEATED
ATTEMPT TO WORK IN A REFERENCE TO REGIONAL LIMITATIONS

OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
BREZHNEV'S OWN, ADMITTEDLY LESS DIRECT, REFERENCE TO
"QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE" LIMITATIONS.

7. OF INTEREST, ESPECIALLY IN BREZHNEV'S SPEECH, IS
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WHAT WAS NOT SAID. SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AND REGIMES -
EXCEPT IN SENSE OF L.A. NUCLEAR FREE ZONE - WERE NOT
TOUCHED UPON. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF SOVIET BETE NOIR,
CHILE, WHILE LOPEZ PORTILLO MADE NO REFERENCE TO
SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. NEITHER
SIDE MENTIONED LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES, EXCEPT
AS THESE MIGHT BE INCLUDED UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC OF
CONTROL OVER NATIONAL, NATURAL RESOURCES.

8. WE NOTE, IN PASSING, REFERENCE TO PRESENCE OF
MEXICAN GENERAL DIRECTOR OF "PETROLEOS MEXICANOS" IN
LOPEZ PORTILLO'S LARGE ENTOURAGE. THIS, OF COURSE,
LEND CREDENCE TO REPORTS OF POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF
PETROLEUM TRADE ISSUES DURING CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS.
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